



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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<b>Event Name</b>	8 May 2015 Severe Weather Event SITREP - FINAL
<b>Date</b>	06/30/2015
<b>Time</b>	1000
<b>Operational Period</b>	06/29/15 – 06/30/15
<b>Report Number</b>	48

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	16 – Conroe, 21 - Weslaco

### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

A more summer-like pattern is returning to the West Gulf River Forecast Center (WGRFC) area the next five days, with no widespread heavy rain expected. The WGRFC area remains dry and mild this morning and should continue through the afternoon. A few showers and thunderstorms developed this morning along the Red River and another small area of showers and thunderstorms developed along the Coastal Bend. Rainfall amounts were averaging less than 0.50 inch per hour with this activity. No additional significant flooding is expected within the next 24 hours.

Long-term recovery continues for many portions of the state that were impacted by the severe weather, tornadoes, flooding, and Tropical Storm Bill. Local jurisdictions continue to submit Disaster Summary Outlines, Local Disaster Declarations, and Request Letters to the Governor. Additionally, local jurisdictions and affected citizens are applying for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance, as appropriate. A few river basins are at minor to moderate flood stages and will remain so for a few days to a few weeks.

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott issued Emergency Disaster Proclamations on May 11, May 15, May 25, May 26, May 29, June 3, June 18 and June 22, 2015, certifying that the severe weather, tornado and flooding incident that began on Monday May 4, 2015, has caused a disaster in many Texas counties. Disaster conditions persist in many parts of the State. Therefore, the Governor of the State of Texas, has amended the aforementioned proclamations and declares a disaster in Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Baylor, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brown, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Collin, Comal, Comanche, Cooke, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Dewitt, Dickens, Eastland, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Frio, Gaines, Galveston, Garza, Gillespie, Gonzales, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe,

Harris, Harrison, Hartley, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Jack, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kendall, Lamar, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Milam, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Palo Pinto, Parker, Polk, Real, Red River, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Wichita, Williamson, Wilson, Wise, Young and Zavala Counties, authorizing mobilization of State resources to assist impacted communities. This brings the total number of counties so far to 110.

The Governor requested and the President approved a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4223) on May 29, 2015. This action ordered federal aid to supplement State, tribal and local recovery efforts in the affected areas, beginning on May 4, 2015. The President's actions makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Harris, Hays, and Van Zandt Counties. Federal funding also is available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding in Cooke, Gaines, Grimes, Harris, Hays, Navarro, and Van Zandt Counties.

Amendment No. 2 to DR-4223 was issued on June 9, 2015. Amendment No. 2 includes the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President on May 29, 2015, and related determinations: Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Baylor, Bowie, Burleson, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Comal, Comanche, Fannin, Fayette, Garza, Gillespie, Grayson, Harrison, Hood, Houston, Jasper, Kaufman, Kendall, Lamar, Lee, Liberty, Lynn, Madison, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, Tyler, Uvalde, Walker, Wharton, Wilson, and Zavala Counties for Public Assistance. Bastrop, Blanco, Caldwell, Denton, Henderson, Johnson, Milam, Montague, Rusk, Travis, Williamson, and Wise Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

Amendment No. 3 to DR-4223 was issued on June 16, 2015. Amendment No. 3 is a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) amendment which declared Dallas and Nueces Counties as primary natural disaster areas. In addition Aransas, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Jim Wells, Kaufman, Kleberg, Rockwall, San Patricio and Tarrant Counties as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Management (EM) loan assistance.

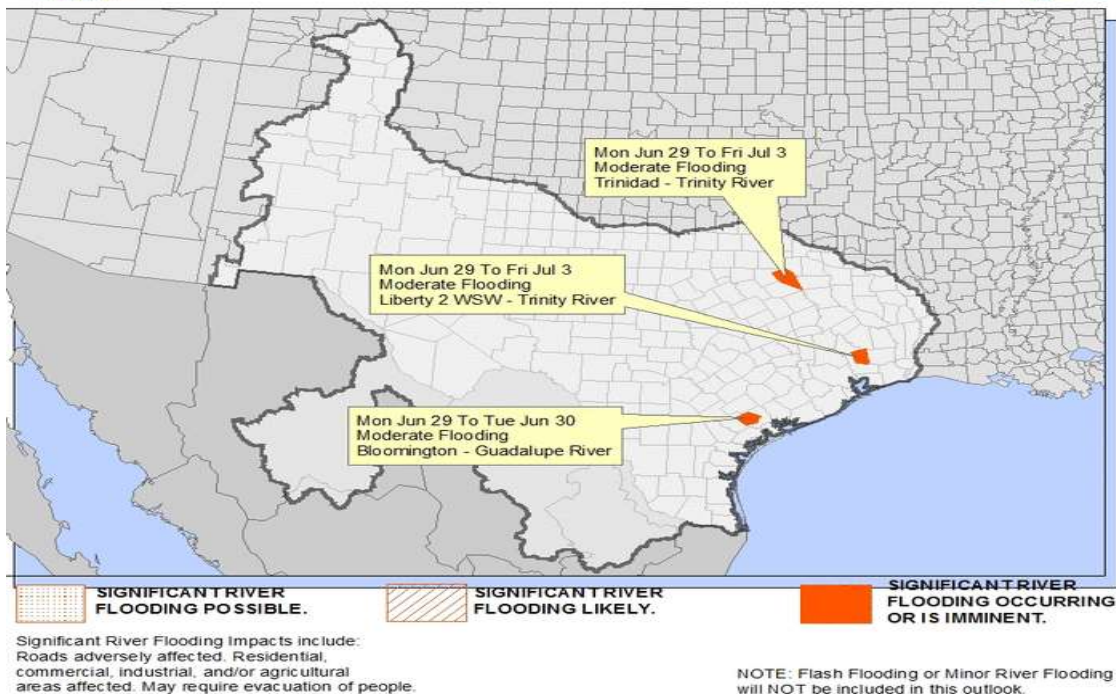
TX Notice FLP-1043 was issued on June 3, 2015. Family farmers in the following Texas Counties may qualify for Farm Service Agency Emergency Management Loan Assistance, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Federal Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: Andrews, Blanco, Brazoria, Brazos, Caldwell, Chambers, Comal, Cooke, Dawson, Denton, Ellis, Fort Bend, Freestone, Gaines, Galveston, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hunt, Kaufman, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, Martin, Montague, Montgomery, Navarro, Rains, Smith, Terry, Travis, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wise, Wood, and Yoakum Counties.

Individuals who sustained damage within the State of Texas during the May storms, may call **1-800-621-3362** to register with FEMA.



# Significant River Flood Outlook

Valid: 6/29/2015 - 7/4/2015  
West Gulf River Forecast Center 6/29/2015 10:31:38 AM



## River Flooding:

Red River Basin: Flooding will continue to decrease along the Red River, although bank erosion problems will continue. Minor overflow of low banks will continue, especially on the Oklahoma side of the river.

Guadalupe Basin: Moderate Flooding - Releases at Canyon Lake have a few sites downstream on the Guadalupe River elevated above action stage. Downstream, Bloomington will continue to recede very slowly towards minor flood levels in a few days.

Trinity Basin: Moderate Flooding - Widespread flooding continues along the Trinity River main stem. Flood stages will continue for some time as travel time from Dallas to Lake Livingston averages about 2 weeks. Lake Livingston has been able to reduce its releases a little over the last few days as the lake returns to its normal elevation. Trinidad and Liberty are the two locations still affected by moderate flooding.

Neches Basin: Minor Flooding - Minor flooding continues along the Neches River basin as the very slow moving water works its way downstream. The slow nature of the Neches River will keep the river at high flows at many locations for several weeks even though the rains have temporarily ended. There is still significant flood water in Sam Rayburn Reservoir which is above the flood pool; therefore releases will continue for several weeks.

Sabine Basin: Minor Flooding continues at Mineola and Deweyville. Toledo Bend is continuing to slowly decrease their releases.

## **Operational Priorities:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid and effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately, track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

### **Region 1** (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, 22)

**DDC 5 Mt. Pleasant** (Includes Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus Counties)

**Bowie County:** Due to the additional rain fall and flooding from Tropical Storm Bill Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has updated the timeline for opening US Highway 259 Bridge over the Red River to July 24th, 2015. Flooding in May and June washed away the topsoil from the head walls of the bridge. When the water recedes, engineers will evaluate what repairs must be made before the bridge can be reopened.

**DDC 22 Sherman** (Includes Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

**Fannin County:** State Highway (SH) 78 at the Red River Bridge remains closed due to flood-driven soil and pavement erosion on the Oklahoma side of the bridge. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) will initiate bridge repairs once the Red River is within its normal banks. ODOT and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) re-routed traffic West onto U.S. Highway 69/75 for the interim.

### **Region 2** (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16)

**DDC 14 Lufkin** (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

**San Augustine County:** The County has submitted a Disaster Declaration extension.

**DDC 16 Texas City** (Includes Brazoria and Galveston Counties):

**City of Jamaica Beach (Galveston County):** The City has submitted a DSO for Tropical Storm Bill.

**Galveston County:** The County has submitted a corrected DSO.

### **Region 3** (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, 24)

**DDC 20 Corpus Christi** (Includes Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties):

**Jim Wells County:** The County has submitted an initial DSO for severe weather and flooding. Initial assessment reveals 133 homes affected; 62 with minor damage; and 13 with major damage.

**DDC 21 Weslaco** (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo and Wilacy Counties): The DDC will continue to be at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) in support of Hidalgo County.

**Hidalgo County:** Hidalgo County submitted amended and corrected DSOs. The Hidalgo County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) supported field operations to include water pumping/removal operations, sheltering operations and vector control. Multiple road closures were reported in the area due to water pumping/operations and/or water on the roadways. The American Red Cross (ARC) continues to support shelter operations. Flooding affected 211 homes. The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in the City of Edinburg is fully operational. Hours of operation are: Monday-Friday 9AM to 6PM; Saturday 9AM to 2PM; closed on Sunday. The Rio Grande Valley Food Bank is providing services (food commodities) for the impacted areas. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, TDEM District Coordinator 21 – Weslaco met with the FEMA Division Supervisor, Hidalgo County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), Edinburg EMC, and TDEM State Coordinator – Region 3, to discuss current FEMA operations in Hidalgo County.

**DDC 24 Del Rio** (Includes Dimmit, Edwards, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala Counties):

**City of Camp Wood (Real County):** The City has submitted a Disaster Declaration and a DSO for the May severe weather and flooding. A request for Public Assistance has also been submitted.

**Region 5** (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, 7)

**DDC 2 Lubbock** (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Lubbock, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry, and Yoakum Counties)

**Lubbock County:** The County has submitted a Disaster Declaration and a Request Letter to the Governor for severe weather and flooding.

**DDC 3 Wichita Falls** (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wilbarger, Wichita and Young Counties)

**Montague County:** The County has submitted a Disaster Declaration for Tropical Storm Bill, and a Request Letter to the Governor.

**Region 6** (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18, 23)

**DDC 11/23 Waco** (Includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, Hamilton, Coryell, Bell, Milam, Mills, Lampasas, San Saba and McLennan Counties):

**McLennan County:** The County has submitted a Request Letter to the Governor. Also, due to the high release amounts from the U.S. Corps of Engineers (USACE) out of the lakes during the rain event over the weekend, some homes flooded and there was water over some of the roadways along the river. USACE has since reduced the flow and the level has gone down.

**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**  
**REPORTS**

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT continues to monitor roadways for flooding, debris and damage.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** This is the final SITREP on this event; however, the State Operations Center continues to monitor the situation. The State Operations Center is at Activation Level IV (Normal Conditions).

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).*

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